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Results of largest-ever Canada Council grants competition to be announced in April

Ottawa, March 30, 2007 – The Canada Council for the Arts will announce in April the results of its Supplementary Operating Funds Initiative, the largest single grants competition in the 50-year history of Canada's national funding agency.

The competition was aimed at enhancing the work of Canadian arts organizations – including symphony orchestras, theatre, dance, new music and opera companies; art galleries, art museums and artist-run centres; book publishers, arts and literary magazines and organizations involved in the production of film, video and new media.

In the 2006 federal budget, the Canada Council received a total of $50 million in additional funding above and beyond its regular Parliamentary appropriation: $20 million for 2006-07 and $30 million for 07-08. Of the $50 million, $33 million is earmarked for one-time-only supplementary grants awarded on a competitive basis to arts organizations which currently receive operating funding from the Canada Council. The remaining $17 million is divided equally between increased support for individual artists and activities aimed at increasing public access to the arts.

Under the Supplementary Operating Funds Initiative, arts organizations were asked to submit proposals on how they could use the supplementary funds to enhance their work in one or more of three areas: artistic development, audience development or administration. The deadline for submitting applications was December 15, 2006. Out of 937 eligible arts organizations, 858 submitted applications.

A list of all successful applicants, together with the amount of their grants, will be posted on the Canada Council's web site on Monday, April 16.

Background information on the allocation of the new funds, including the Supplementary Operating Funds Initiative, is now available on Council's grants web site.

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